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Commissioner Philip Guidice
Massachusetts Dept. of Energy Resources
100 Cambridge St., Suite 1020
Boston MA 02114
Dear Commissioner:

It is my understanding that evaluations of state land for siting of wind turbines has only been done for conservation land and not for highway land or former state hospitals,

Turbine maintenance roads will be a serious disturbance and fragmentation of conservation lands, many of which represent what is left of our diminishing supply of large undisturbed tracts so essential to wildlife, plant and animal. Many of these lands have special and unique features that would be threatened by both turbine construction and road construction, not to mention turbine operation.

and maintenance. These issues must be taken into consideration and weighted heavily for once the areas are disturbed they cannot be easily restored.

Surely it would be wise to be focusing on other state lands already disturbed. I am writing to ask you so to change your focus and if it is found necessary to consider conservation land to avoid critical habitat.

Sincerely,
Martha Wood Schroeder